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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON

LAW OF WAR

REF: STATE 008673

1. BASED ON REFTTEL EMBOFF CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY
SECGEN SEKONE JANUARY 17 TO ASCERTAIN GOUV PARTICI-
PATION SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. SEKONE STATED THAT UPPER VOLTA HAD NOT PLANNED TO
ATTEND PRIOR TO THE UPPER VOLTA/MALI BORDER DISPUTE.
HOWEVER, THIS EVENT HAS MADE THE CONFERENCE ISSUE MORE
MEANINGFUL TO UPPER VOLTA AND THEY WILL BE REPRESENTED
BY MEMBERS OF THEIR EMBASSY STAFF IN BONN, WITH AMBASSADOR
HAISSE MENSAH HEADING THE DELEGATION.

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3. SEKONE EXPRESSED IMPATIENCE AND ANNOYANCE AT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRG INVITATION BEING RAISED AGAIN THIS YEAR, WHEN THE QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, HE WOULD ONLY PROMISE AN ABSTENTION BY THE UPPER VOLTAN DELEGATION IF THE QUESTION OF AN INVITATION CAME TO A VOTE.

4. COMMENT: SEKONE SHOWED A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD THAT THE VOLTAN DELEGATION WILL VOTE TO UPHOLD THE CHAIRMAN'S TWO-THIRDS RULING. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR MENSAH CAN BE CONVINCED TO UPHOLD CHAIR'S RULING AND RECOMMEND USMISSION APPROACH HIM DIRECTLY.
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